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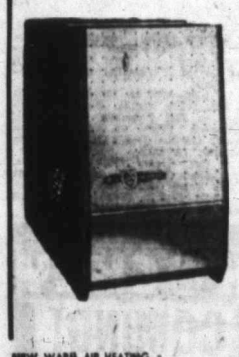

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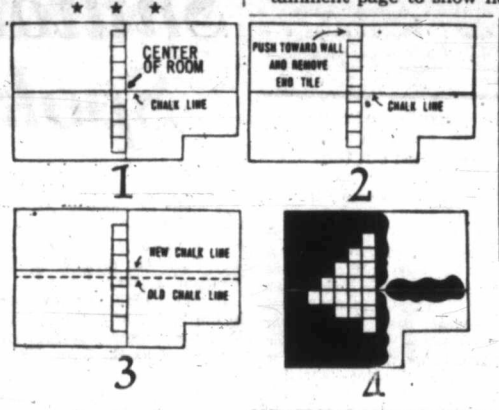

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Tiles are nine inches square and easy to handle. Their 1/16-inch thickness makes them easy to cut with a large pair of scissors. A new type of adhesive that comes with the tile can be rolled or brushed on the floor and bonds the tile securely in place. An inexpensive roller or paint brush will do the job.

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Start at the centre of the room. First, find the mid-point along each wall. Drive a small nail into the floor at each mid-point and tie a string between the nails. Then rub blue chalk on the string and snap a line on the floor between mid-points. The centre of the room is where the chalk lines meet (see picture 1).

The width of the border tile (next to the walls, as shown) should be from half a tile to a full tile in width. From the intersection of the chalk lines (see picture 1) lay a row of loose tiles along the chalk line to the wall.

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If the spaces left at opposite ends of the row are less than half a tile width, move the entire row over half a tile, at the same time removing one tile at the end toward which you push (see picture 2).

The chalk line now passes through the middle of one tile, so snap a new line half a tile over from the original and parallel to it (see picture 3).

You now have equal borders. Repeat the procedure the other way of the room to obtain equal border width along all walls. This "squares" the room and you are ready to lay tile.

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Spread the adhesive (see picture 4) over both chalk lines leaving the intersections of the lines and lines near walls uncovered. Use enough adhesive to completely hide the floor under it. When the adhesive has become tacky, but does not stick to a finger, resnap both chalk lines in the strips of adhesive.

Using these as guidelines, start at the centre of the room. Spread adhesive over half of the room, and set the tiles onto the tacky adhesive on the floor. Make sure that the joints between tiles are tight. Do not push the tile after they have been placed on the adhesive. If necessary, pick them up and reset. Press down on each piece of tile with your hands.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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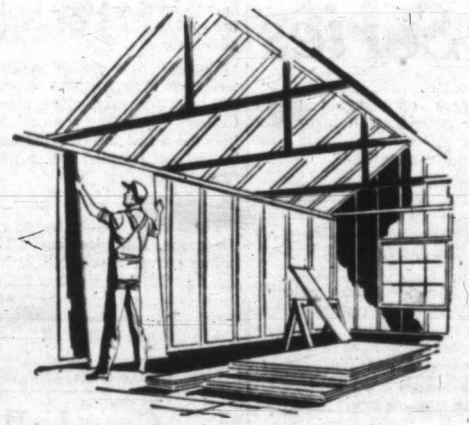

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'Price Too Great'

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mayor Tom Alsbury says the people of B.C. may be paying "too great a price" to enable the provincial government to make the province debt free.

He told a service club Friday money is being spent for debt reduction while many provincial responsibilities are "foisted" on local government authorities.

"While the provincial debt is going down, the municipal debt is rising," he said.

The city wants co-operation but not handouts from the government, he said.

City council must soon decide how to spend its "limited tax dollars," the mayor said. He felt it would have to allocate money to education and roads to the detriment of municipal services such as police and fire departments.

He urged a complete analysis of the responsibilities of each level of government and proportionate allocation of revenues.

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